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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

LN: APP-2009

A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd

Standard:  
GECA 02-2007 – Recycled Plastic Products

Conformance Declaration Date:  
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# environmental solutions for sustainable markets in Australia

The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration ([www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au)). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards ([www.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.au)). GECS is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

**DISCLAIMER:**

This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



## CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

This range of products manufactured by A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 02-2007 – Recycled Plastic Products Standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

### 1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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A Plus Plastics is an injection moulding company with over 34 years experience in the plastics industry. They are an Australian owned, family-run business operating in the Macarthur Area; one hour South West of Sydney, Australia. They currently manufacture an extensive range of products, including computer components, point of sale products, agricultural and materials handling products to suit a variety of industries and applications.



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## 2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Desktop Stationary	A range of plastic desktop stationary (recycled black only).
Material Handling Crates	A range of plastic materials handling crates (recycled black only).

### Desktop Stationary



### Material Handling Crates



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



### 3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd is ISO 9001 certified for their quality management system. GECS has confirmed A Plus Plastics have quality inspection procedures in place and have over 34 years of experience in the plastics industry.
Recycled Content	GECS has confirmed that the quantity of recycled plastic in these nominated A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd products exceeds the minimum requirements as stated for this criterion.
Recyclability and Product Stewardship	A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd have a product stewardship policy in place for their customers ensuring returned products will be recycled and not end up in land fill.
Environmental Information	GECS has confirmed that these nominated A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd products have been clearly labeled with the appropriate resin identification codes.
Additives	GECS has confirmed that no latex, rubber or foams are used in the production of these nominated A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd products.
Hazardous Substances	GECS has confirmed that no hazardous or prohibited substances, as stated for this criterion, are used or added to these nominated products at any stage of their manufacturing process, including the cleaning of production equipment.
Packaging Requirements	These nominated A Plus Plastic Pty Ltd products are packaged with plastic wrapping. GECS has confirmed this plastic is not halogenated and is able to be recycled in mainstream recovery facilities.
Environmental Regulations	A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd adheres to the relevant environmental legislation and has not been prosecuted for violations to Environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	A Plus Plastics Pty Ltd adheres to the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to labour, anti-discrimination or safety regulations in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for  
assurance to the market.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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